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### Spring 2005 Test Windows

February 14 - March 30, 2005—Criterion-Referenced Test Alternate

March 7 - March 30, 2005—Criterion-Referenced Test

March 23 - April 13, 2005—Iowa Tests and Alternate Assessment

### Happy New Year

Thank you test coordinators for all your work registering students for the spring 2005 administration of the Criterion-Referenced Test (CRT) and the Criterion-Referenced Test Alternate (CRT-Alt).

#### *This addendum to the December/January JUMP contains*

- Information for the February 8 test administration training for system test coordinators
- Information on Item Release Workshops

### Video Broadcast of Test Administration Training for Test Coordinators

**Date and Time**—February 8, 2005, 9 am - noon

#### **Agenda for Video Broadcast**

- MontCAS, Phase 2: Criterion-Referenced Test
- MontCAS, Phase 1: Iowa Tests
- MontCAS, Phase 1: Iowa Tests, Alternate Assessment

#### **Details About the Agenda**

- Procedures for handling and distributing materials for the administration of the Criterion-Referenced Test, the Iowa Tests and the Alternate Assessment Scales for the Iowa Tests.
- Preparation for training test administrators.
- Procedures for handling and distributing ma-



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terials for the administration of the Criterion-Referenced Test -Alternate.

NOTE: Training for the administration of the CRT-Alternate will not be covered at this video conference:

- o Materials kits and training CDs will be mailed to all teachers who have students registered for the CRT-Alternate.
- o In addition, during the week of February 14, the Office of Public Instruction and Measured Progress will conduct question and answer sessions for teachers administering the CRT-Alternate. Details will be included in the materials kits.

#### **Materials to Bring to Video Broadcast**

##### *For MontCAS Phase 2, the CRT*

- Spring 2005 CRT Test Coordinators Manual and CRT-Alternate Timeline for Test Coordinators
  - o Hard copies will arrive in districts from Measured Progress by February 4
  - o Copies will be available online on the MontCAS Phase 2 web page by February 4 at <http://www.opi.state.mt.us/assessment/CRT.html>
- CRT 2005 Test Coordinator Power Point
  - o Will be online by February 4 at <http://www.opi.state.mt.us/Assessment/CRT.html>. Please print and bring to the video conference. HINT: Print in handout format.

##### *For MontCAS, Phase 1, the Iowa Tests*

- Spring 2005 Iowa Test Coordinators Guide
  - o Hard copies will arrive in districts from Riverside Publishing by February 4
  - o Copies will be available online on the MontCAS Phase 1 web page by February 4 <http://www.opi.state.mt.us/assessment/NRT.html>

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- Iowa Tests Test Coordinator Power Point
  - o Will be online by February 4 <http://www.opi.state.mt.us/Assessment/NRT.html>. Please print and bring to the video conference. HINT: Print in handout format.
- 2002 Assessment Handbook, Volume 3
- 2002 Alternate Assessment Scales as needed in your school
  - o Online at the following sites  
<http://www.opi.state.mt.us/pdf/Assessment/2002handbookV3.pdf>  
<http://www.opi.state.mt.us/pdf/Assessment/2002Grade4.pdf>  
<http://www.opi.state.mt.us/pdf/Assessment/2002Grade8.pdf>  
<http://www.opi.state.mt.us/pdf/Assessment/2002Grade11.pdf>

### Registration for Video Broadcast

- Online registration link: <http://www.opi.state.mt.us/RegForms/TAT05/>
- Must be completed online between January 20 and February 4
- The deadline for requesting additional sites was January 12, 2005. The sites listed below include the re-

quested sites that are available.

- Some sites fill quickly. Please register early and limit the number of people from your district to two people.
  - o It is suggested that the system test coordinator and a special education coordinator or teacher attend the session.
- As sites fill, "Site Full" will be posted and registration will be blocked
- The person completing the registration will see a confirmation online and will also receive an email confirmation. Please save these as they will be your only confirmation.
- A video tape of the broadcast will be available to check out from the Office of Public Instruction Resource Center. Please contact Raelen Williard, [rwilliard@mt.gov](mailto:rwilliard@mt.gov) or 406-444-2082 to make arrangements.
- The broadcast will be available online by video stream at <http://www.opi.state.mt.us/Streamer/TAT05/> by February 15.
- No sites in Glendive were available for February 8. Please make arrangements to check out the video tapes as soon as possible so we can send them to you when they are ready.

Below is the site information that will be included in the online registration.

City	Site	Address	Parking	Seating Capacity
Billings	VisionNet Billings	222 N. 32nd St.	Free parking on site	24
Billings	Billings MSU	214 North Broadway, 1st Floor Conference Center		Up to 20
Bozeman	MSU, EPS Building, Burns Center, Rm. 126	So. 7th and Grant	Pay lot across the street at the corner of S. 7th & Grant	30
Browning	Browning High School	112 First Ave. S.W. Rm. 125	Free parking on site	25
Butte	Montana Tech, ELCB, Rm. 231	1300 W. Park St.	Visitor and decal parking are available near the site. If you can't find a visitor spot, park in a decal one. If you get a ticket, call the site coordinator, Cookie Sheehan (406) 496-4242.	36
Colstrip	Colstrip Medical Center	6230 Main St.	Free parking on site	10
Dillon	UM—Western, Library, Montana Rm., 2nd Floor	710 South Atlantic	Free parking on site	35

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City	Site	Address	Parking	Seating Capacity
Eureka	High School	340 9th St. East	Free parking on site	25
Glasgow	Glasgow High School	1 Scottie Pride Dr.	Free parking on site	
Great Falls	Great Falls College of Technology	2100 16th Ave. S. Rm. B133	Free parking on site	24
Great Falls	Great Falls VisionNet	1211 N.W. Bypass (3 Rivers Wireless Bldg.)	Free parking on site	24
Hardin	Hardin High School	702 N. Terry	Free parking on site	18
Havre	MSU—Northern Hager Science Center Rm. 202	300 11th St. West	Free parking at site except when marked as reserved	18
Helena	Dept. of Public Health and Human Services, Auditorium Stage	111 Sanders St., Stage	Free parking on site	16
Helena	Helena College of Technology	1115 Sanders St., Rm. 209	Free parking on site	15
Kalispell	Flathead Valley Community College	777 Grandview Dr., Rm. 120	Free parking on site	30
Lewistown	Central Mt. Medical Center	408 Wendell, Conference Rm. 1	Free parking on site	50
Libby	Libby School Dist. Central Office, Board Rm.	724 Louisiana Ave. (Across from McDonald's)	Free parking on site	20
Malta	Phillips County Hosp. West Wing Telemedicine Rm.	417 S. 4th St. East	Free parking on site	30
Miles City	Miles City Health Care Clinic	620 S. Haynes	Free parking on site	15
Missoula	University of Montana	Gallagher Bldg. Rm. 104	Free parking on site	30
Rapelje	Rapelje Public Schls.	714 Main St. (C St. & Main)	Free parking on site	25
Sidney	Sidney Health Center	216 14th Ave. S.W.	Free parking on site	40
St. Regis	St. Regis Schools—Studio is across from office	6 Tiger St.	Free parking on site	13

## CRT Released Item Workshops

Workshops on classroom use of the information from the CRT released items will be presented at the following sites in January: Miles City, Chester, Cut Bank, Geyser, Belgrade, Deer Lodge, Livingston, Kalispell, Libby, and Pablo. Sessions in Laurel and in the Missoula area are being planned for February. To get more information and arrange for teachers from your district to attend, please contact Clare Bridge at OPI [cbridge@mt.gov](mailto:cbridge@mt.gov) or 406-444-4431. Please do not contact the sites.

## Phone Number Correction

Maile Wicklander is the Montana Program Manager for the spring 2005 Iowa Test Administration. The number in the December/January 2005 JUMP was incorrect. This is the correct number: 1-800-767-8420x6915

## Future of the NRT Survey

In the December/January 2005 JUMP, a survey relating to the future of the Iowa Tests (the NRT) was announced. The number of respondents was too small for the Board of Public Education (BPE) to use in its ongoing research about the future of the NRT. In addition, at its January meeting, the BPE requested additional questions on the survey.

A new survey will be online in by February 1, 2005. Because it will be a different survey, the BPE requests that all systems, even those which responded to the December/January survey, respond to this survey. Results from the earlier survey will not be calculated.

The link and password for the new survey will be sent by email to system test coordinators by February 1, 2005.

We thank the respondents to the December 2004 survey for their time and input; your responses are important, and we do need them again. In addition, we encourage all systems to participate in this opportunity.

Thank you.

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